



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH
401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland
November 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Alana Aronin, Brent Berger, Christopher Burt, Marla Caplon, Jessica Chung, Desiree de la Torre, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Sarah Emami, Michelle Hawkins, Jessica Kronstadt, Terri McGuire, Linda McMillan, Fabienne Santel, and Jason Woo.

Members Absent: Brenda Brooks, Travis Gayles, and Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian.

Staff Present: Ellen Segal and Karen Thompkins.

Guests: Cristina Ruiz-McCalla, Andrew Sauer, Louis Schreiber, and Annie Schreiber.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings

- A motion to approve the September 19, 2019 and October 17, 2019 minutes was introduced by Dr. Berger and seconded by Michelle Hawkins. The minutes were approved by voiced consent that included an edit to the October minutes.
- The next COH meeting will take place December 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at 401 Hungerford Drive, Conference Room 1A and 1B, Rockville, Maryland 20850. The following meeting will take place January 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at 401 Hungerford Drive, Conference Room 1A and 1B, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

3.0 Vaping Presentation

Louis Schrieber, Senior at Churchill High School

- Louis has seen vaping taking place in all parts of the high school including the classroom, bathroom, halls, etc.
- Vaping products are marketed as safer than cigarettes and are being marketed by celebrities.
- Only one day in health class is spent educating on vaping and cigarettes.
- Vaping products are sold by students to other students.
- One way to address the problem is to bring together stakeholders and parents.
- The effects of second-hand vape smoke is still unknown.

Cristina Ruiz-McCalla, Program Manager of the MCDHHS Cancer and Tobacco Control Program and Andrew Sauer, Healthy Montgomery Graduate Student Intern

- The presentation gave an overview of vaping including current statistics and resources on the topic.
- Montgomery County has four bills of legislation proposed to address access to vaping products by minors.
- The Healthy Montgomery website has anti-vaping resources and education.

- Cristina gave a vaping presentation at Springbrook High School. Other schools are interested in the presentation. There was also a focus group comprised of students.
- MCDHHS is partnering with the schools on a PSA video anti-vaping contest.

4.0 Workgroup Updates

School Health Services

- **Motion:** A confirmation vote is needed regarding the Letter of Support to the County Executive to hire 26 school health nurses. A motion was introduced by Alana Aronin and seconded by Terri McGuire. The motion was approved by voiced consent.
- Crystal and Alana will attend the council work session on school health on Monday, November 25th at 1:30 p.m.

5.0 Liaison Updates

African American Health Program

- Michelle Hawkins has stepped down from the AAHP Program and will no longer be serving as the liaison. Anyone with any interest serving as a liaison to AAHP should let Karen or Desiree know.

Medical Society – Dr. Brent Berger

- See attached liaison report

Montgomery County Advisory Board – Sarah Emani

- MCAB is in the process of reviewing their budget.

County Council – Linda McMillan

- There is hearing coming up on expanding the Summer Food Program.
- The Council implemented a new racial equity bill.

6.0 COH New Business

- COH discussed creating a governance workgroup. The group would be tasked with orientation of new members, creating a calendar of important dates throughout the year, organizing, monitoring accomplishments, heading/creating the annual report, and getting Commission feedback.
Motion: To put together a COH governance workgroup. The motion was introduced by Jessica Kronstadt and seconded by Jason Woo. The motion was approved by voiced consent. The governance group consists of Jason Woo, Jessica Kronstadt, and Michelle Hawkins.
- Five new COH members will be appointed November 25th.
- COH will meet in December 19th. There will be an orientation for new members at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

~Adjourn